



SAN TAN ANTHEM 2023 WATER QUALITY REPORT



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Clean. Fresh. Affordable.

EPCOR is proud to consistently provide clean, fresh, high-quality water to our customers in Arizona and New Mexico. We take water quality very seriously, conducting more than 345,000 water quality tests annually (that's about 800 tests daily).

EPCOR expertly monitors water supplies, carefully maintaining and treating them before the first drop reaches your tap. In addition to monitoring water supply, we also constantly maintain and improve the miles of pipelines, water mains, wells, treatment plants, and hydrants that make up your water system.

The attached water quality report for your system, which includes data collected up through 2023, demonstrates our care and commitment as your water provider.



Importantly, all of us recognize that water is a precious resource — and we work hard to minimize waste to help ensure that the water you count on will be available now and for the long term.

EPCOR delivers clean, high-quality water and treats wastewater at the lowest possible costs. Your monthly water bill pays for the water you consume, but it also goes much further: For every dollar you spend, 97 cents go toward essential costs including operating, maintaining and repairing the system to ensure reliable, affordable service now and for the future.

In fact, the average household in our service area pays less than \$2 per day for their water. This means that for less than the cost of a cup of coffee, you receive all the water you need for drinking, cooking, cleaning, landscape irrigation, and more.

EPCOR is proud of our water and we continue to pledge that we will continue to meet or exceed all water quality standards.

Sincerely,

Shawn Bradford

Senior Vice President, Regulated US Water

QUESTIONS?

EPCOR Customer Care: 1-800-383-0834 • mywater@epcor.com

Este informe contiene información muy importante sobre su agua potable. Tradúzcalo o hable con alguien que lo entienda bien.

WHAT WILL I FIND IN THIS REPORT?

This report complies with state and U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) drinking water regulations.

In it you'll find information on:

- Where your water comes from
- Protecting your water
- What's in your water

Information in this report is compiled, in part, from analytical data generated by laboratories certified in drinking water analysis.

YOU WANT TO KNOW WHAT'S IN THE WATER YOU'RE DRINKING

As your water service provider, we're committed to ensuring the quality and safety of that water. That's why you are receiving this annual water quality report from us. We hope it will help you understand your community's water a little better and what we're doing to protect it.

READ THIS REPORT – AND SHARE IT!

Reading this report and understanding your community's water is the first step. But it's also important to share this information with those who might not receive it directly. If you're a landlord, business, school, please share this report with water users in your community.



About Your Water

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ABOUT YOUR WATER SYSTEM

- EPCOR provides connections to approximately 4,500 service connections in the San Tan Anthem system.

WHERE YOUR WATER COMES FROM

- Groundwater is the sole source of water for PWS 11-136 and it is within the Pinal Active Management Area.

Additional Information About the Groundwater in Your Area

Sources of groundwater recharge include natural recharge from stream flows, and incidental recharge from agricultural and urban uses.

How We Protect Groundwater Together

Both groundwater and the associated pumping and delivery facilities are part of a complex system that needs not just monitoring, but also maintenance. From pipelines to water mains, wells to hydrants, we're ensuring that the groundwater supply is protected and accessible.

How You Can Help

Properly dispose of hazardous household chemicals on hazardous material collection days and limit your pesticide and fertilizer use. For information on household hazardous material collection days in your area, contact the **Arizona Department of Environmental Quality** at **602-771-2300** or **Earth911.com**.



NOTICE OF SOURCE WATER ASSESSMENT

A Source Water Assessment is on file with the Arizona Department of Environmental Quality (ADEQ) and a copy of it can be obtained by contacting ADEQ's Record Center. The Source Water Assessment Report concluded with a low risk designation for our water system. We are continually observant of past, present and future land uses in and around our area and implement all reasonable measures which vigilantly safeguard our water supplies. Please contact us at (480) 987-9870 to learn more about what you can do to help protect your drinking water sources, any questions about the annual drinking water quality report, to learn more about our system, or to attend scheduled public meetings. We want you, our valued customers, to be informed about the services we provide and the quality water we deliver to you every day.

The complete assessment is available for inspection at the Arizona Department of Environmental Quality, 1110 W. Washington, Phoenix, AZ 85007, between the hours of 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. For more information please contact **ADEQ at 602-771-2300**.

GETTING INVOLVED

Consulting with the community is important to us. If you have a question, concern or suggestion about your local water system, please contact our Customer Care team at **1-800-383-0834**.

What You Can Expect to Find in Your Water

SOURCES OF DRINKING WATER

The sources of drinking water—both tap water and bottled water—include rivers, lakes, streams, ponds, reservoirs, springs and wells. As water travels over land surfaces or through the ground, it can acquire naturally occurring minerals. In some cases it can also acquire radioactive material and substances resulting from the presence of animals or from human activity.

Drinking water, including bottled water, may reasonably be expected to contain at least small amounts of some contaminants. The presence of these contaminants does not necessarily indicate that the water poses a health risk.

More information about contaminants and potential health effects can be obtained by calling the **EPA's Safe Drinking Water Information Hotline** at **1-800-426-4791**.

DID YOU KNOW?

Tap water costs a lot less than what you pay for other beverages. **A gallon of water costs you about 1 penny.** Compare that to the cost of a gallon of these beverages*:

- Milk = \$3.97/gallon
- Orange Juice = \$2.65/gallon
- Beer = \$16.23/gallon
- Bottled Water = \$1.67/gallon
- Wine = \$25/gallon

* Costs for milk, orange juice and bottled water obtained from Bureau of Labor Statistics and Beverage Marketing Association reports. Other costs determined by calculating average supermarket pricing for bottles of soda, wine and beer and converting to a gallon.

SUBSTANCES THAT MAY BE PRESENT IN SOURCE WATER

Microbial Contaminants, such as viruses and bacteria, which may come from sewage treatment plants, septic systems, agricultural livestock operations or wildlife.

Inorganic Contaminants, such as salts and metals, which can be naturally occurring or may result from urban stormwater runoff, industrial or domestic wastewater discharges, oil and gas production, mining or farming.

Pesticides and Herbicides, may come from a variety of sources, such as agriculture, urban stormwater runoff and residential uses.

Organic Chemical Contaminants, including synthetic and volatile organic chemicals, which are by-products of industrial processes and petroleum production, and may also come from gas stations, urban stormwater runoff and septic systems.

Radioactive Contaminants, which can be naturally occurring or may be the result of oil and gas production and mining activities.

ENSURING YOUR WATER IS SAFE

To ensure that tap water is safe to drink, the EPA prescribes regulations limiting the amount of certain contaminants in water provided by public water systems. To ensure bottled water is safe to drink, U.S. Food and Drug Administration regulations establish limits for contaminants in bottled water.



Since 2012, EPCOR has been recognized with more than 305 awards for safety and operational excellence in delivering your water every day.

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SPECIAL HEALTH INFORMATION

Some people may be more vulnerable to contaminants in drinking water than the general population. Immuno-compromised persons such as persons with cancer undergoing chemotherapy, persons who have undergone organ transplants, people with HIV/AIDS or other immune system disorders, some elderly and infants may be particularly at risk from infections. These people should seek advice about drinking water from their healthcare providers. EPA/CDC (Centers for Disease Control and Prevention) guidelines on appropriate means to lessen the risk of infection by cryptosporidium and other microbial contaminants are available from the **EPA's Safe Drinking Water Information Hotline at 1-800-426-4791**.

Lead

EPCOR monitored the water for lead and copper in 2023 at 23 residences throughout the community and met the federal lead and copper standards. The 23 houses sampled were representative of the types of houses throughout the system. If your house was sampled you would have received the analysis results. If present, elevated levels of lead can cause serious health problems, especially for pregnant women and young children. Lead in drinking water is primarily from materials and components associated with service lines and home plumbing. EPCOR is responsible for providing high-quality drinking water, but cannot control the variety of materials used in plumbing components. When your water has been sitting for several hours, you can minimize the potential for lead exposure by flushing your tap for 30 seconds to 2 minutes before using water for drinking or cooking. If you are concerned about lead in your water, you may wish to have your water tested. Information on lead in drinking water, testing methods and steps you can take to minimize exposure is available from the **Safe Drinking Water Information Hotline** or at **www.epa.gov/safewater/lead**.

Did You Know?

There are thousands of known per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS) found in daily life including food-handling materials, non-stick cookware, medical devices, personal care products, and even construction equipment. Because PFAS is found in so many everyday products, measuring the harmfulness of these chemicals is difficult and not yet fully understood. As the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and other federal regulators continue to research these chemicals and determine a national standard for the safe level of exposure to these chemicals, EPCOR continues its role in testing for PFAS and finding ways to mitigate PFAS levels when found in drinking water sources. In 2024, EPA finalized six new PFAS drinking water standards and water systems must be in compliance with the new standards no later than 2029. EPCOR is already taking action by beginning engineering and design work to bring all our locations into compliance ahead of the 2029 deadline.

HOME WATER TREATMENT UNITS

Failure to perform maintenance on your home water treatment unit can result in poor water quality. If you installed a home water treatment system such as a water softener or reverse osmosis system, please remember to follow the manufacturer's instructions on operation and maintenance. For more information, contact the manufacturer of your treatment system for maintenance instructions or assistance. Additional information about home water treatment systems is available from the **Water Quality Association** at **630-505-0160** or by visiting **wqa.org**.

Frequently Asked Questions

WHAT IS THE WHITE OR COLORED DEPOSIT ON MY DISHES OR FAUCETS?

In most cases, the deposits or sediments left behind after water evaporates are calcium carbonate. The amount of calcium in the water is referred to as hardness. Cleaning with white vinegar can help to dissolve and remove deposits. Using a commercial conditioner, liquid detergents or the “air-dry” option in dishwashers can help to decrease the calcium carbonate found on dishes.

ARE THE DEPOSITS OR HARD WATER HARMFUL?

Hardness and/or the deposits left by hard water don't pose a health concern and may have health benefits. We don't treat drinking water for water hardness that can result in hard water deposits.

WHAT IS THE LEVEL OF HARDNESS IN MY WATER?

The hardness in your water ranges from 17 to 18 grains per gallon (gpg).

Degree of water hardness range (gpg)

Soft	Less than 1
Slightly Hard	1 to 3.4
Moderately Hard	3.5 to 6.9
Hard	7 to 10.4
Very Hard	Greater than 10.5

WHY IS MY WATER CLOUDY OR MILKY IN APPEARANCE WHEN IT COMES OUT OF THE TAP?

Water that appears cloudy or milky is typically caused by trapped air (very small air bubbles) in the water. If this occurs, simply let the water stand for a few minutes—the air will dissipate leaving a clear glass of water.

The quality of your water depends on the source water itself as well as factors such as the geology and biology of the area where the water came from. For some elements that are known to have an effect on the aesthetics of the water quality parameters, the EPA has established guidance levels known as secondary maximum contaminant level standards (SMCLs). When levels of these contaminants are found to be above the SMCLs, they may impact the aesthetic quality of the water (e.g., color, taste and odor). Although aesthetic water qualities may vary, your water meets all state and federal regulatory standards and is safe to use for all drinking water purposes. Secondary contaminants include, but are not limited to, manganese, iron and total dissolved solids (TDS).

WHY IS CHLORINE ADDED TO MY DRINKING WATER?

Chlorine is added to your water for your protection and is used as a disinfectant to ensure that harmful organisms, such as bacteria and viruses, are destroyed in the treatment process.

ARE THERE OTHER WAYS TO REMOVE THE CHLORINE TASTE OR SMELL FROM MY WATER?

To remove the taste of chlorine from your water, try these tips:

- Place water in a glass container in the refrigerator overnight, uncovered. This will let the chlorine dissipate.
- Bring your water to a rolling boil for five minutes and let it stand to cool.
- Add a slice of lemon or a few drops of lemon juice to your glass of drinking water.

WILL MY HOME TREATMENT DEVICE REMOVE CHLORINE?

Some home treatment devices can remove chlorine. Once chlorine is removed, the water should be treated like any other beverage product and used as quickly as possible. We recommend that you follow the manufacturer's instructions for maintaining the device to ensure water quality.



Definition of Terms

AL (Action Level): The concentration of a contaminant which, if exceeded, triggers treatment or other requirements that a water system must follow.

GPG (grains per gallon): Used to describe the dissolved hardness minerals contained in water and is a unit of weight that equals 1/7,000 of a pound.

HAA5 (Haloacetic Acids): Consist of Monochloroacetic Acid, Dichloroacetic Acid, Trichloroacetic Acid, Bromoacetic Acid and Dibromoacetic Acid.

MCL (Maximum Contaminant Level): The highest level of a contaminant that is allowed in drinking water. MCLs are set as close to the MCLGs as feasible using the best available treatment technology.

MCLG (Maximum Contaminant Level Goal): The level of a contaminant in drinking water below which there is no known or expected risk to health. MCLGs allow for a margin of safety.

MNR: Monitored, not regulated.

MRDL (Maximum Residual Disinfectant Level): The highest level of a disinfectant allowed in drinking water. There is convincing evidence that addition of a disinfectant is necessary for control of microbial contaminants.

MRDLG (Maximum Residual Disinfectant Level Goal): The level of a drinking water disinfectant below which there is no known or expected risk to health. MRDLGs do not reflect the benefits of the use of disinfectants to control microbial contaminants.

NA: Not Applicable.

ND: None Detected.

NTU: Nephelometric turbidity units.

ppb (Parts per Billion): One part substance per billion parts water (or micrograms per liter).

pCi/L (Picocuries per Liter): Measurement of the natural rate of disintegration of radioactive contaminants in water (also beta particles).



ppm (Parts per Million): One part substance per million parts water (or milligrams per liter).

ppt (Parts per Trillion): One part substance per trillion parts water (or nanograms per liter).

Polyfluoroalkyl substances - PFAS: Widely used, long lasting chemicals, components of which break down very slowly over time. There are thousands of PFAS chemicals, and they are found in many different consumer, commercial, and industrial products.

SMCL (Secondary Maximum Contaminant Level): Non-enforceable guidelines regulating contaminants that may cause cosmetic or aesthetic effects in drinking water.

Total Dissolved Solids: An overall indicator of the amount of minerals in water.

TT (Treatment Technique): A required process intended to reduce the level of a contaminant in drinking water.

TTHM (Total Trihalomethanes): Consist of Chloroform, Bromoform, Bromodichloromethane and Dibromochloromethane.

UCMR (Unregulated Contaminant Monitoring Rule): Unregulated substances are measured, but maximum contaminant levels have not been established by the government.

What's in Your Water

HOW TO READ YOUR WATER QUALITY TABLE

Below, you'll see an analysis of your drinking water. Here's an example of how to read these tables:



Start here and read across	2023 or year prior	The goal level for that substance	Highest level of substance allowed	Highest amount that was found	Highest and lowest amounts found	Yes means the amount found is below gov't requirements	Where substance usually originates
Substance (units)	Year Sampled	MCLG	MCL	Highest Amount Detected	Range of Detections	Compliance Achieved	Typical Sources

YOUR WATER QUALITY TABLE

The data shown in the tables below are results from commercial laboratories certified in drinking water analysis by the Arizona Department of Health Services. The table shows what substances were detected in your drinking water during 2023 or the last required sampling period within the last five years.

Regulated Substances Measured in the Water Leaving the Treatment Facility

Substance (units)	Year Sampled	MCLG	MCL	Highest Amount Detected	Range of Detections	Compliance Achieved	Typical Sources
Chlorine Residual (ppm)	2023	4	4.0	1.41	1.11 - 2.2	YES	Water additive used to control microbes
TTHMs [Total Trihalomethanes] (ppb)	2023	NA ¹	80	1.8	1.6 - 1.8	YES	By-product of drinking water disinfection
Arsenic (ppb)	2020	0	10	3.1	2.8 - 3.1	YES	Erosion of natural deposits; Runoff from orchards
Barium (ppm)	2020	2	2	0.038	0.015-0.038	YES	Discharge of drilling wastes; Discharge from metal refineries; Erosion of natural deposits
Chromium (ppb)	2020	100	100	1.2	ND - 1.2	YES	Discharge from steel and pulp mills; Erosion of natural deposits
Fluoride (ppm)	2020	4	4	0.55	0.4 - 0.55	YES	Erosion of natural deposits
Nitrate [measured as Nitrogen] (ppm)	2023	10	10	5.07 ²	4.99 - 5.07	YES	Runoff from fertilizer use; Leaching from septic tanks, sewage; Erosion of natural deposits
Sodium (ppm)	2020	NA	MNR	160	130 - 160	YES	Erosion of natural deposits; Leaching
Gross Alpha – Excluding Radon and Uranium (pCi/L)	2023	0	15	4.8	4.8	YES	Erosion of natural deposits

What's in Your Water

Tap Water Samples: Lead and Copper Results

Substance (units)	Year Sampled	MCLG	Action Level	Number of Samples	90th Percentile	Number of Samples Above Action Level	Compliance Achieved	Typical Source
Copper (ppm)	2023	1.3	1.3	23	0.047	0	YES	Corrosion of household plumbing systems; Erosion of natural deposits
Lead (ppb)	2023	0	15	23	ND	0	YES	Corrosion of household plumbing systems; Erosion of natural deposits

PFAS Substances Measured in the Water Leaving the Treatment Facility

Substance (units)	Year Sampled	MCLG	MCL (Effective 2029)	Highest Amount Detected	Range of Detections	Compliance Achieved	Major Sources In Drinking Water
PFOA (ppt)	2022	0	4.0	16.7	ND - 16.7	YES	Discharge from manufacturing and industrial chemical facilities, and certain firefighting activities
PFOS (ppt)	2022	0	4.0	ND	ND	YES	Discharge from manufacturing and industrial chemical facilities, and certain firefighting activities
PFHxS (ppt)	2022	10	10	ND	ND	YES	Discharge from manufacturing and industrial chemical facilities, and certain firefighting activities
PFNA (ppt)	2022	10	10	ND	ND	YES	Discharge from manufacturing and industrial chemical facilities, and certain firefighting activities
HFPO-DA/GenX (ppt)	2022	10	10	ND	ND	YES	Discharge from manufacturing and industrial chemical facilities, and certain firefighting activities
PFBS (ppt)	2022	*	*	18.5	ND - 18.5	YES	Discharge from manufacturing and industrial chemical facilities, and certain firefighting activities
* Mixtures containing two or more of PFHxS, PFNA, HFPO-DA, and PFBS	2022	1 (unitless) Hazard Index	1 (unitless) Hazard Index	0 Hazard Index	0 Hazard Index	YES	

¹TTHM/HAA5: Although there is no collective MCLG for this contaminant group, there are individual MCLGs for some of the individual contaminants: Trihalomethanes: bromodichloromethane (0.0 mg/L); bromoform (0.0 mg/L); chloroform (0.07 mg/L); dibromochloromethane (0.06 mg/L). Haloacetic acids: dichloroacetic acid (0.0 mg/L); trichloroacetic acid (0.3 mg/L). Monochloroacetic acid, bromoacetic acid and dibromoacetic acid are regulated with this group but have no MCLGs.

²Nitrate: Nitrate in drinking water at levels above 10 ppm is a health risk for infants of less than six months of age. High nitrate levels in drinking water can cause blue baby syndrome. Nitrate levels may rise quickly for short periods of time because rainfall or agricultural activity. If you are caring for an infant you should seek advice from your healthcare provider.

What's in Your Water

IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT YOUR DRINKING WATER

Monitoring Requirement Not Met for San Tan Anthem Public Water System

Our water system did not test for nitrate in the drinking water during the April 1-June 30, 2023 time period and cannot be sure of the quality of the drinking water during this time. Even though this was not an emergency, as our customers, you have a right to know what happened and what we did to correct the situation.

*We are required to monitor your drinking water for specific contaminants on a regular basis. Results of regular monitoring are an indicator of whether or not our drinking water meets health standards. For the San Tan Anthem system, EPCOR was required to test the drinking water for nitrates during the 1st Quarter 2023 (January 1 – March 30, 2023) and 2nd Quarter 2023 (April 1 – June 30, 2023) time periods. Samples were not tested in the 2nd Quarter 2023. Samples were submitted in the 1st Quarter 2023 and the results, as established by a state licensed laboratory, met the required state and federal drinking water standard for nitrate.

What should I do?

There is nothing you need to do at this time. Two samples were tested for nitrate in 2023 and both met the required state and federal drinking water standard.

What is being done?

Our sampling schedule for the San Tan Anthem systems was adjusted to reflect the required nitrate sampling in the 2nd Quarter of the year. EPCOR has instituted review process to ensure that this type of mistake doesn't occur again.

Please share this information with other people who drink this water, especially those who may not have received this notice directly (for example, people in apartments, nursing homes, schools, and businesses). You can do this by posting this notice in a public place or distributing copies by hand or mail.

For more information, please contact Julie Hoskin at 602-722-4100 or by email at jhoskin@epcor.com.



ADDITIONAL MONITORING

In addition to the parameters listed in this table, other parameters were monitored for, including regulated pesticides, herbicides, petroleum by-products and metals. None of those parameters were detected in the water. If you have any questions about this report or your drinking water, please call our **Customer Care** team at **1-800-383-0834**.

EPCOR encourages feedback related to the quality of water that is provided to you. Please feel free to submit comments to us directly at mywater@epcor.com. You may also provide feedback to the Arizona Corporation Commission (ACC).